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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 26-32, 34-36, and 38-42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 26-32, 34-36, and 38-42 are allowed.

Regarding Claim 1, Park *et. al.* discloses a system for enabling a subscriber of a GSM network to use his SIM card, associated with his GSM account, said GSM card mounted on a CDMA terminal that the user has in his possession during his time in an area with a CDMA network, said CDMA network in communication with the user's GSM network for purposes including the verification of the user's subscriber information (Abstract, Column 2 Lines 6-12, Fig. 4). The CDMA terminal includes a SIM interface for interfacing between a controller, also located inside the CDMA terminal, and the mountable SIM card (Column 2 Lines 15-18, Column 4 Line 62 to Column 5 Line 3, Fig. 3). The CDMA terminal of the disclosed invention reads information unique to the subscriber from the SIM card, and enables said SIM card after verification has been received (Column 2 Lines 18-22). When a GSM subscriber inserts his SIM card into a CDMA terminal of the disclosed invention, an initialization procedure is started, wherein the controller detects the insertion of the SIM card, then prompts the user for a password, and (if the correct password is inputted) then reads a first set of information from the SIM card and transmits said set of information to the CDMA network (Column 6 Lines 17-45, Fig. 5). A second set of information, comprising information relating to the identity of the GSM subscriber, is sent back from the CDMA network (after interfacing with the GSM network) to the

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CDMA terminal's interface, and the CDMA terminal is enabled if the GSM user is verified, said verification being based on a comparison of the two sets of information, and said CDMA terminal enablement procedure being inherent to a table in the CDMA terminal's memory wherein basic telephone functions are stored (Column 6 Line 17 to Column 7 Line 25, Column 7 Lines 46-65, Figs. 2 and 5-6).

Park *et. al.* does not expressly disclose a mobile communication device having a table storing one or more call handling procedures, said call handling procedures based on a comparison of information stored in the mobile communication device and information transmitted to said mobile communication device, for each of a plurality of networks that said mobile communication device may find itself in.

Lobo discloses a method for defining a pulse function shape for data to be transmitted in a wireless communication system (Abstract, Column 1 Lines 57-64). This method may be used with a dual mode GSM/CDMA transmitter having lookup tables (which may be considered components of a larger table), one defining pulse shapes for GSM operation and the other defining pulse shapes for CDMA operation (Column 10 Lines 31-52, Fig. 4), which allows the transmitter to operate in a system of whichever type (CDMA or GSM) it finds itself in (Column 10 Lines 27-30). The lookup data tables of the invention contain data for supporting voice and data applications (Column 10 Lines 1-23).

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None of the cited references disclose the practice of storing a plurality of home and registered network pairs in a table, each pair associated with one or more different incoming call handling operations, whereby said table is stored in the memory of a mobile communication device. No prior art reference was found that discloses this feature. Therefore, Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art.

Claim 31 differs substantively from Claim 1 in that the former Claim recites sets of home and registered country code and network code information, in place of pairs of home and registered networks. No prior art reference was found that discloses this feature. Therefore, Claim 31 is allowable over the prior art.

Claim 35 differs substantively from Claim 1 in that the former Claim recites a mobile communication apparatus having a controller that determines the roaming status of said mobile communication apparatus, whereby a future incoming call handling operation for said mobile communication apparatus is based on a schedule and on said controller-determined roaming status, and whereby said controller causes a display to display the roaming status and the location to which future incoming calls will be routed based on said roaming status. No prior art reference was found that discloses this feature. Therefore, Claim 35 is allowable over the prior art.

Claims 2-3, 26-30, 39-42 depend on Claim 1, and are therefore also allowable over the prior art.

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Claims 32 and 34 depend on Claim 31, and are therefore also allowable over the prior art.

Claims 36 and 38 depend on Claim 35, and are therefore also allowable over the prior art.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, filed 9 October 2006, with respect to the rejections of Claims 1-3, 26-32, 34-36, and 38-42 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Said rejections have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The Application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 26 is renumbered as Claim 4
- Claim 27 is renumbered as Claim 5
- Claim 28 is renumbered as Claim 6
- Claim 29 is renumbered as Claim 7
- Claim 30 is renumbered as Claim 8
- Claim 31 is renumbered as Claim 9
- Claim 32 is renumbered as Claim 10
- Claim 34 is renumbered as Claim 11
- Claim 35 is renumbered as Claim 12
- Claim 36 is renumbered as Claim 13
- Claim 38 is renumbered as Claim 14
- Claim 39 is renumbered as Claim 15
- Claim 40 is renumbered as Claim 16

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- Claim 41 is renumbered as Claim 17
- Claim 42 is renumbered as Claim 18

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew W. Genack whose telephone number is 571-272-7541. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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